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**EVENT: Guilty Plea**

**Defendant: Keith E. Edgerson**

**DEFENDANT PLEADS TO GUN AND DRUG CHARGES**

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Keith Earl Edgerson, 27, of Detroit, pleaded guilty today to federal gun and drug charges stemming from an arrest and apprehension by the Fugitive Apprehension Service Team (FAST), a task force of law enforcement officials from Livonia Police Department, Detroit Police Department and ATF, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Edgerson entered the guilty plea in United States District Court before Judge Lawrence P. Zatkoff. Edgerson pleaded guilty to felon in possession of a firearm; possession of a stolen firearm; possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

The information presented to the court at the time of the plea showed that on April 15, 2005, members of FAST force entered a house located on Crescent street in Detroit where defendant was residing. The officers recovered a stolen Glock handgun (DPD issued) from

the kitchen area. The gun was loaded with 30 live rounds. Also recovered from inside a washing machine was 288.1 grams of marijuana and narcotics packaging materials. Defendant acknowledged his plan to sell the marijuana and his possession of the stolen gun for protection.

"This case illustrates the positive effect of Project Safe Neighborhoods in promoting cooperation between local and federal authorities to arrest and prosecute felons in possession of guns and making our community safer," said Stephen J. Murphy, United States Attorney.

"Repeat and violent offenders are a top priority," said SAC Goddard. "The Federal firearms laws are meant to protect the public by imposing lengthy prison sentences for those individuals who have previous felony convictions and have proven, through their own actions, that they cannot own or possess a firearm responsibly," she added

Defendant has a prior felony conviction and was an absconder from parole at the time of the arrest. Based upon his prior criminal record, Defendant faces a potential sentence of 15 years-life. Sentencing has been scheduled for June 6, 2006.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Susan E. Gillooly.